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THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.
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- 25X1 1. [] The 8 Cavalry Regiment [] is at Dobrich.
25X1 The 8 Cavalry Regiment is attached to 3 Army []
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25X1 3. []
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25X1 5. []
25X1 6. [] The 8 Rifle Regiment []
25X1 [] was formed at Camp Krushevets, Krushevets (N 42-17, E 27-30) and
prior to December 1950 moved into new barracks at Zvezdets.
25X1 7. [] "Captain KRUSTEV" should read "Captain KHRISTOV."
25X1 8. [] "YANTEV" should be Captain YANCHEV []
25X1 9. In addition to the Headquarters Service Units []
[] there should be a Chemical Warfare Platoon; Second Lieutenant Georgi Tenev
DICHEV is the commanding officer of this unit.

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10. [redacted]
[redacted] Lieutenant ATANASOV is the temporary replacement for Lieutenant BAKLAROV, and "fills in" at various positions in the 3 Battalion and when his time permits, takes the reconnaissance platoon attached to 8 Company on field training exercises; First Lieutenant BUDUROV should be First Lieutenant BODUROV.
- 25X1 11. [redacted]
- 25X1 12. [redacted] The Battalion also has approximately 100 horses and mules, 35-40 wagons, 15 of which are stored in warehouses), one 3-ton ZIS truck, one $3\frac{1}{2}$ -ton "Opel" truck and one 3-ton "Molotov" truck.
- 25X1 13. [redacted] Krupp Bofors 75 mm. field pieces" should read "Krupp Schneider 75 mm. antitank guns."
14. [redacted]

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The 3 Army

1. The headquarters of 3 Army is located in Sliven. The headquarters were moved from Shumen following the arrest of General Slavcho TRUNSKI, presumably to discourage possible reaction by Trunski followers in or around Shumen.
2. The following units are subordinate to 3 Army:
 - a. The 3 Rifle Division at Burgas, composed of:
 - (1) The 24 Rifle Regiment at Burgas;
 - (2) The 27 Rifle Regiment at Burgas; and
 - (3) The 32 Rifle Regiment at Grudovo.
 - b. The 5 Rifle Division at Ruse, composed of:
 - (1) The 5 Rifle Regiment at Ruse;
 - (2) The 8 Rifle Regiment at Dobrich; and
 - (3) The 19 Rifle Regiment at Razgrad.
 - c. The 7 Rifle Division at Yambol (subordinate units unknown); and
 - d. The 16 Independent Mountain Rifle Brigade.

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3. The following units in Burgas are allegedly subordinate to 3 Rifle Division:

- a. A motor transport regiment;
- 25X1 b. An antiaircraft unit, alleged [] and
- c. An artillery unit of 25 ZIS 75 mm. guns.

The 16 Independent Mountain Rifle Brigade

25X1 4. The 16 Independent Mountain Rifle Brigade (16 Strelkovo Planinska Samostoyatelna Brigade) [] is located at Zvezdets. The Brigade, strength approximately 300 officers and 2,500 men, has the following subordinate units:

- a. Headquarters staff and service units at Zvezdets;
- 25X1 b. The 1 Rifle Battalion at Zvezdets [] (4, 5, and 8 companies, strength approximately 300-350 men);
- 25X1 c. The 2 Rifle Battalion at Zvezdets [] (2, 6, and 7 companies, strength approximately 300-350 men);
- 25X1 d. The 3 Rifle Battalion at Michurina [] (7, 8, and 9 companies, strength 330 men and 50 officers);
- 25X1 e. The 16 Mountain Pack Artillery Battalion (16 Planinska Tovarim Divizyon) at Zvezdets [] strength approximately 300 men; and
- 25X1 f. The 3 Heavy Machine Gun and Artillery Battalion (3 Teshkokartechen e Artilleriski Divizyon) at Fakiya [] strength approximately 1,000 men.

5. In May 1950, approximately 400-500 men of 31 Rifle Regiment at Silistra were sent to Zvezdets to form the 28 Rifle Regiment. In August 1950, an additional 250 men, including informant, were sent to Zvezdets to join 28 Rifle Regiment.

25X1 6. Trudovaks were completing the construction of barracks at Camp Krushevets, just outside of Zvezdets [] In addition to the 400-450 men previously dispatched from 31 Rifle Regiment [] approximately 700-800 men from the following units:

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- a. The 19 Rifle Regiment at Razgrad;
- b. The 8 Rifle Regiment at Dobrich; and
- c. The 24 Rifle Regiment at Burgas.

7. The 28 Rifle Regiment was thus created in Zvezdets in the summer of 1950 with men from the 8, 19, 24 and 31 Rifle Regiments, and was subordinate to 3 Rifle Division at Burgas. []

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9. In April 1951, the 16 Mountain Pack Divizyon arrived from Turgovishte and was attached to 28 Rifle Regiment. About the same time, the 28 Rifle Regiment changed its designation to 16 Independent Mountain Rifle Brigade, subordinate to 3 Army rather than 3 Rifle Division, and the 28 Rifle Regiment ceased to exist. The 16 Mountain Pack Divizyon is still subordinate to 3 Rifle Division artillery staff in Burgas, although attached to 16 Mountain Brigade in Zvezdets.
10. In May 1951, the 3 Heavy Machine Gun and Artillery Divizyon was formed as part of 16 Mountain Brigade, with men sent from various units, including 19 Rifle Regiment at Razgrad. [redacted]
[redacted] 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Brigade is "independent" as compared with 1 and 2 Battalions, meaning that 3 Battalion received all supplies, except weapons and ammunition, direct from 3 Army,² whereas 1 and 2 Battalion receive everything from the Brigade.
11. [redacted]

Headquarters Staff and Sections

12. The 16 Independent Mountain Rifle Brigade is commanded by Colonel VASEV, from Dupnitsa Okoliya, who was a partisan prior to 1944, and attended general staff academy in the USSR. The assistant commanding officer for political matters is Captain (or Major) OBCHEV, and the assistant commanding officer for military matters is Major MARINOV. Chief of Staff is Major SUKADOV. The Brigade consists of the following sections:
- a. Operations Section;
 - b. Artillery Section;
 - c. Armament Section;
 - d. Secret Section;
 - e. Military Affairs Section;
 - f. Quartermaster Section; and
 - g. Motor Transport Section.
13. These sections are organized and formed as follows:
- a. The Operations Section consists of the following:
 - (1) First Lieutenant CHERVENKOV; and
 - (2) First Lieutenant KHODULOV, assistant.
 - b. The Artillery Section consists of the following:
 - (1) Major TSENIKOV;
 - (2) First Lieutenant GEORGIEV, assistant; and
 - (3) First Lieutenant ANGELOV, assistant.
 - c. The Armament Section consists of the following:
 - (1) Captain Ivan Ivanov NEDKOV;

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- (2) First Lieutenant PAUNOV (nickname "Batak" - "swamp"), assistant in charge of ammunition depots; and
 - (3) One master sergeant, one sergeant first class, two corporals, and one private in the armory.
- d. The Secret Section, which handles and maintains all classified material, consists of the following:
- (1) Senior First Lieutenant KOSTURSKI, and his wife, who works as his assistant;
 - (2) First Lieutenant SAVOV, who wears civilian clothes part of the time; and
 - (3) Two civilian clerks.
- e. The Military Affairs Section, in charge of matters pertaining to military administration and personnel, consists of the following:
- (1) First Lieutenant KOLUSHEV;
 - (2) Senior First Lieutenant SLAVOV, who handles only mobilization plans; and
 - (3) Three civilian clerks.
- f. The Quartermaster Section consists of the following:
- (1) Captain TOTEV;
 - (2) Captain KHRUSTEV, an epileptic, who is in charge of the quartermaster warehouses;
 - (3) First Lieutenant TENEV;
 - (4) First Lieutenant Ivan DIMOV;
 - (5) Master Sergeant KHALTUKOV;
 - (6) Two soldiers; and
 - (7) Three female civilian clerks.
- g. The Motor Transport Section consists of the following:
- (1) First Lieutenant Georgi PETROV;
 - (2) An unidentified lieutenant, who is assistant;
 - (3) Four sergeants first class;
 - (4) Forty-fifty enlisted drivers;
 - (5) Two civilian mechanics; and
 - (6) One soldier mechanic.

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14. The Brigade has the following vehicles:

- a. Twenty Molotov $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks;
- b. *Four 12-14 ton Skoda trucks (only sergeants are allowed to drive these);
- c. *Three $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton ZIS trucks;
- d. Ten 3 ton Steyr trucks (nine to tow guns, one for Brigade CO);
- e. *Three $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton Opel trucks;
- f. *Three Soviet jeeps (one for Brigade CO, others for officers);
- g. *One 30-passenger Opel bus (only sergeants may drive this);
- h. *Two Steyr automobiles;
- i. *Three motorcycles, one with sidecar, two without;
- j. Three Opel M.A.N. ambulances;
- k. Three German-make motorized ovens (each capable of producing 200 loaves of bread per hour);
- l. Ten mobile (towable) kitchens;
- m. Two mobile (towable) laundries; and
- n. Fifteen mobile (towable) water tanks (capacity 200-300 liters each).

* indicates those in use, the rest are on blocks.

Headquarters Service Units

15. The headquarters service units are organized as follows:

- a. Brigade band (20);
- b. Telephone communications (70-80);
- c. Radio communications (25-30);
- d. Chemical warfare (30-40);
- e. Hospital (7-8);
- f. Veterinary (4);
- g. Mail and unclassified records (2);
- h. PX - formerly military, now civilian (1);
- i. Party records for Communist Party members in Brigade (number unknown);
- j. Finance (number unknown); and
- k. Engineer (number unknown).

Numbers in parentheses indicate number of personnel.

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16. A "Special Services Unit," consisting of three to four men assigned from the DS by the Ministry of Interior, is assigned to Brigade headquarters. They are in charge of all political investigations. This unit is commonly referred to as "Spetsove" ("specials") and wear civilian clothes. In charge of this unit is YANTEV, fmu, believed to be an officer of unknown rank, who wears civilian clothes.

The 3 Battalion⁴

17. The 3 Battalion consists of 320 men, 10 master sergeants and 50 officers. Informant knew of the following headquarters officers:
- a. Captain Vulya VRACHEV, Battalion Commanding Officer;
 - b. First Lieutenant VASILEV, Political Officer;
 - c. Senior First Lieutenant KHRISTOSKOV, Assistant Commanding Officer;
 - d. Senior First Lieutenant PROYCHEV, Chief of Staff;
 - e. First Lieutenant MIKHNEV, Military administration;
 - f. First Lieutenant ISAEV, Secret (classified records);
 - g. First Lieutenant Todor Mladenov KOSTOV, Armament;
 - h. First Lieutenant DACHEV, Quartermaster; and
 - i. Second Lieutenant Stoyan STOYANOV, assistant in charge of warehouses.
18. The following are components of 3 Battalion:
- a. The 7, 8, and 9 companies;
 - b. Heavy Machine Gun Company;
 - c. Mixed Gun Battery;
 - d. Antiaircraft Platoon (D.Sh.K.; Degtyarev-Shpagin-Kolesnikov;
 - e. Engineer Platoon;
 - f. Communications Platoon;
 - g. Quartermaster Platoon; and
 - h. Hospital and Veterinary Units.
19. These components are organized and formed as follows:
- a. The 7 Company consists of the following:
 - (1) First Lieutenant Spas Georgiev ATANASOV, Commanding Officer;
 - (2) First Lieutenant MANOLOV (also known as "Tatkomash" -"our father"), Political Officer;
 - (3) First Lieutenant KATSARSKI, leader of 1 Platoon;
 - (4) Second Lieutenant NIKOLOV, leader of 2 Platoon; and
 - (5) Second Lieutenant ZAKHARIEV, leader of 3 Platoon.

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The 8 Company consists of the following:

- (1) First Lieutenant Veliko Zhekov KUMEV (replaced Vulyu Velez Kunev), Commanding Officer;
- (2) Senior First Lieutenant SAVCHEV, Political Officer;
- (3) First Lieutenant BUDUROV, leader of 1 Platoon;
- (4) Second Lieutenant PANAYOTOV, leader of 2 Platoon; and
- (5) First Lieutenant TRIFONOV, leader of 3 Platoon (The 3 Platoon is used for reconnaissance, has a 72-drum magazine, and is armed with Shpagin submachine guns).

The 9 Company consists of the following:

- (1) Senior First Lieutenant Dimitur Donev DROSEV, Commanding Officer;
- (2) Senior First Lieutenant HADZHIYSKI, Political Officer;
- (3) Second Lieutenant Vasil Vasilev RANGELOV (nickname "Viskonti"; "viscount," takes bets for the men), leader of 1 Platoon;
- (4) First Lieutenant DIMIREVSKI, leader of 2 Platoon; and
- (5) Second Lieutenant MARINOV, leader of 3 Platoon.

b. The Heavy Machine Gun Company consists of the following:

- (1) First Lieutenant Karanfil ANGELOV, Commanding Officer;
- (2) First Lieutenant KOVACHEV (also in charge of DSNM activities for 3 Battalion), Political Officer;
- (3) Second Lieutenant PETROV (formerly assigned to battalion staff operations section), leader of 1 Platoon;
- (4) Second Lieutenant Kolus G. PETKOV, leader of 2 Platoon; and
- (5) Second Lieutenant KRUSTEV, leader of 3 Platoon.

c. The Mixed Gun Battery consists of the following:

- (1) Senior First Lieutenant DIMITROV, Commanding Officer;
- (2) First Lieutenant GADZHEV, Political Officer;
- (3) First Lieutenant MILEV, leader of 1 Platoon (75 mm. guns);
- (4) First Lieutenant DONCHEV, leader of 2 Platoon (50 mm. guns); and
- (5) Second Lieutenant DAMYANOV, leader of 3 Platoon (observation).

The Mixed Mortar Battery consists of the following:

- (1) First Lieutenant Kiril ATANASOV, Commanding Officer;
- (2) First Lieutenant Stoyan Khristov BOYCHEV, Political Officer;
- (3) Second Lieutenant Stanoycho FILIPOV, leader of 1 Platoon (107 mm. guns);
- (4) Master Sergeant DIMITROV, leader of 2 Platoon (82 mm. guns)
- (5) Master Sergeant KRANTOV, leader of 3 Platoon (observation).

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- d. The Antiaircraft Platoon (D.Sh.K.) consists of the following:
- (1) Second Lieutenant IGNATOV, Commanding Officer.
- e. The Engineer Platoon consists of the following:
- (1) Second Lieutenant SOTIROV, Commanding Officer; and
 - (2) First Lieutenant Boycho Georgiev BOYCHEV (serves in the same capacity for Communications Platoon), Political Officer.
- f. The Communications Platoon consists of the following:
- (1) First Lieutenant KIBONIN, Commanding Officer; and
 - (2) Senior First Lieutenant HADZHIYSKI, Political Officer.
- g. The Quartermaster Platoon consists of the following:
- (1) Master Sergeant Yordan Georgiev PANAYOTOV, Commanding Officer.
- h. The Hospital Unit (Dispensary) consists of the following:
- (1) Captain STOYANOV; and
 - (2) One sergeant and two privates.
- The Veterinary Unit consists of the following:
- (1) Senior First Lieutenant SIMICHIYSKI; and
 - (2) Two corporals.

Armament of 3 Battalion

20. The 3 Battalion has the following armament:

	Issued	Stored in Warehouse	Total
50 mm. Rhinometal 1941 guns.....	2	6	8
75 mm. Krupp Bofors 1911 guns.....	2	0	2
107 mm. mortars.....	2	4	6
82 mm. mortars.....	2	10	12
14.5 mm. AT Degtyarev rifles.....	3	9	12
12.5 mm. D.Sh.K. AA heavy machine guns (in wartime, should be 6).....	0	2	2
8 mm. Schwarzlose heavy MG.....	6	19	25
7.62 mm. Shpagin submachine guns....	75	275	350
8 mm. Mannlicher carbines.....	275	475	750
7.62 mm. Soviet TulakTozharev pistols	30	0	30
7.65 mm. Zbrivka pistols.....	10	40	50
8.92 mm. Mausers (using dum-dum bullets)	0	15	15
7.62 mm. sniper rifles.....	0	16	16
8 mm. Bren light machine guns.....	30	30	60
7.62 mm. Maksim Sokolov AA heavy MG.	1	0	1
7.62 mm. Degtyarev light MG (for AA)	1	0	1
Totals..	439	901	1340

The Battalion has approximately 100 horses and mules, and 25 wagons, 15 of which are being stored in warehouses.

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The 16 Mountain Pack Artillery Battalion (Divizyon)

21. This Battalion, strength approximately 300 men, is composed of three batteries, each having three platoons. Each platoon is equipped with two Krupp Bofors 75 mm. guns and an unspecified number of 107 mm. mortars. The total armament of the Battalion consists of 20 Krupp Bofors 75 mm. guns and 15 mortars 107 mm. The Battalion has approximately 200 mules.

3 Heavy Machine Gun and Artillery Battalion (Divizyon)

22. This Battalion, strength approximately 1,000 men, is now in position in the border fortifications in and around Fakiya with its guns emplaced. The armament of the Battalion consists of 60 Rhinemetel and Krupp Bofors 75 mm. field pieces (7 men to each gun), and 90 Schwarzlose 8 mm. heavy machine guns (4 men to each gun). The Battalion has no mules or horses but uses trucks or other motor-driven movers.

Brigade Armament

- 25X1 23. In the spring of 1951, all modern Soviet weapons of the Brigade were collected and sent to units in Burgas and Elkhovo. In exchange, the Brigade received old German weapons from Sofia, as well as weapons from an anti-aircraft unit [redacted] in Burgas, an unidentified regiment in Grudovo, 24 Rifle Regiment, and an unidentified unit in Elkhovo.

- 25X1 24. [redacted]

- 25X1 25. In early April 1951, the first weapons under this plan were received from an anti-aircraft unit [redacted] in Burgas and comprised 250 Mannlicher 8 mm. carbines. At about the same time, the Brigade began receiving the following armament from 24 Rifle Regiment in Burgas:

- a. Three thousand Mannlicher 8 mm. carbines;
- b. Ninety Schwarzlose 8 mm. heavy machine guns;
- c. One-hundred eighty Bren 8 mm. light machine guns;
- d. Sixty light 80 mm. mortars; and
- e. Nine Rhinemetel 75 mm. antitank guns.

In April, the Brigade received the following armament from Sofia:

- a. Thirty 50 mm. antitank guns;
- b. Thirty heavy 107 mm. mortars; and
- c. One-thousand two-hundred fifty carbines.

25X1 Two thousand carbines came from an unidentified infantry regiment at Grudovo.⁵

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment: [] the Bulgarian word
 25X1 "drushina" was no longer used for "battalion," and had been replaced by
 "battalyon."
- 25X1 2. [] Comment: It may be noted that the few roads between Michurin and
 Zvezdets probably isolate 3 Battalion to a greater degree than map
 distance would indicate. It is conceivable that supplies might be directed
 by 3 Army at Sliven to 3 Battalion at Michurin by way of Burgas and sea or
 truck, and to 16 Mountain Brigade by way of Burgas and truck via the Burgas-
 Malko Turnovo highway.
- 25X1 3. []
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- 25X1 4. [] Comment: [] the composition of 1 and 2 Battalions
 is approximately the same as 3 Battalion.
- 25X1 5. [] Comment: There seem to be a great many carbines per these figures.
 However, paragraph 41 indicates that approximately 65% of 3 Battalion
 armament is stored, and the same may be true in regard to the Brigade as
 a whole.

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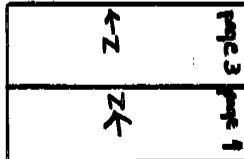
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1. Consolidated school (primary, progymnasium, and coeducational gymnasium).
2. Area veterinary office.
3. Tsarevo Okoliya People's Council, located on the main street in the center of town. It is housed in a building which measures 40 by 30 meters and which is two stories high, of yellow-painted brick, and built in about 1948.
4. Church.
5. Trakiya Hotel.
6. Narung (Naroden Magazin: People's Shop).
7. Okoliya Communist Party headquarters.
8. Town Communist Party headquarters.
9. Okoliya Militia and State Security headquarters, located on the main street in the center of town. The building is of two stories, brick, and measures 10 by 15 meters. The entrance is at the southeast corner. The first floor contains dormitories; offices are on the second floor. About 30 or 35 people are in the building day and night.
10. Local radio administration offices.
11. Post office.
12. Border Guard Komandatura barracks.
13. Recreation hall for naval units.
14. National Bank.
15. Town People's Council, housed in a 2-story wooden building facing the sea and separated from it by an orchard.

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16. Customs house, located about 30 meters east of the town people's council building; housed in a 15-meter square, 2-story, yellow-painted brick building.
17. Port administration offices.
18. Movie house.
19. Ship repair shop.
20. Granary.
21. Border Guard Komandatura headquarters.
22. Hospital.
23. Border Guard Komandatura ordnance depot.
24. Barracks of the 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Rifle Regiment
25. Sotrehouses of the RKS (Rayonen Kooperativen Sŭyuz: Area Cooperative Union).
26. State-owned flour mill.
27. Water depot and electric transformer.
28. Stables and automobile repair shop of the Border Guard Komandatura.

- A. Road to Burgas.
- B. Stream.
- C. Road to Akhtopol.
- D. Black Sea.

xxx Barbed wire.

⌘ Bridge.

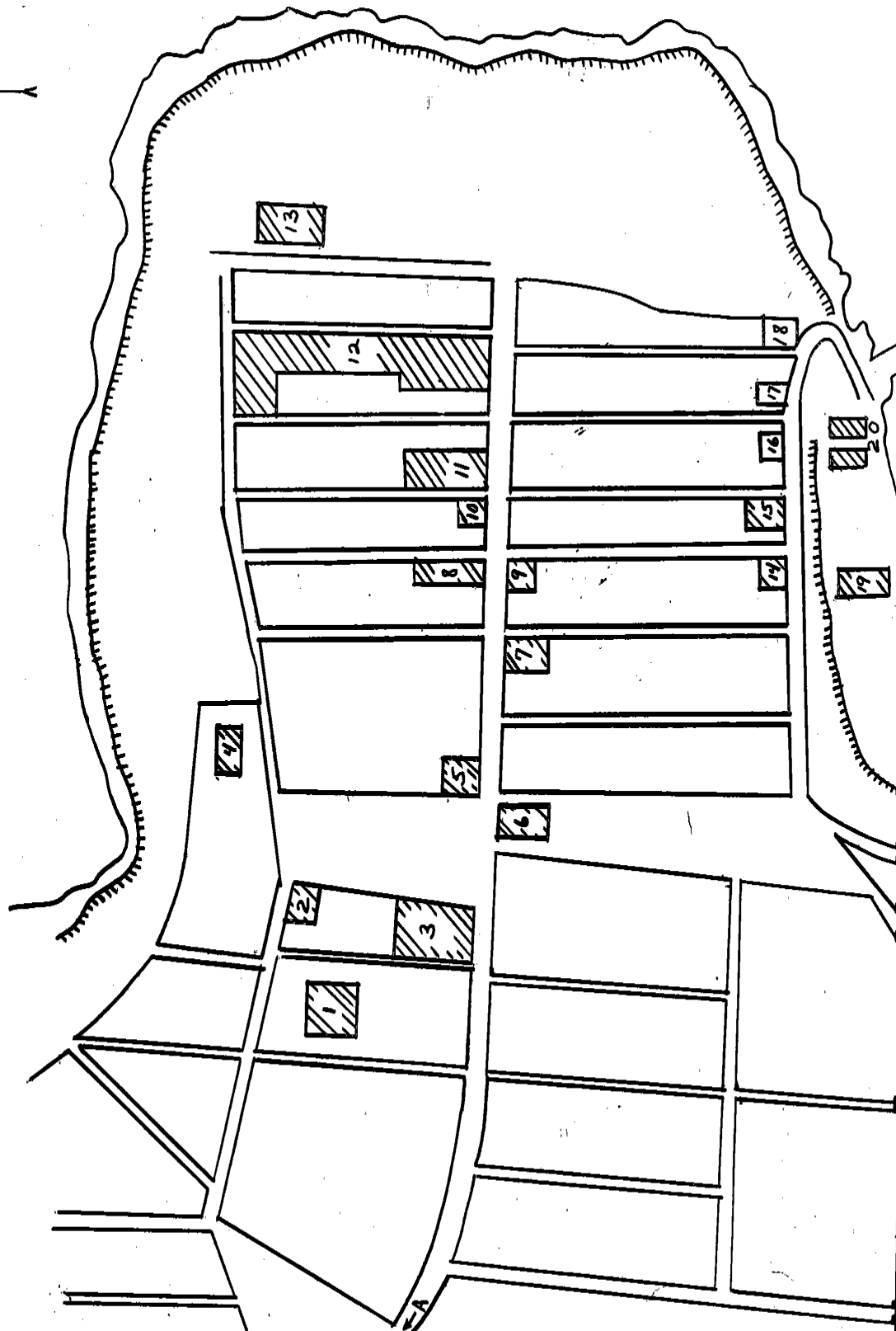
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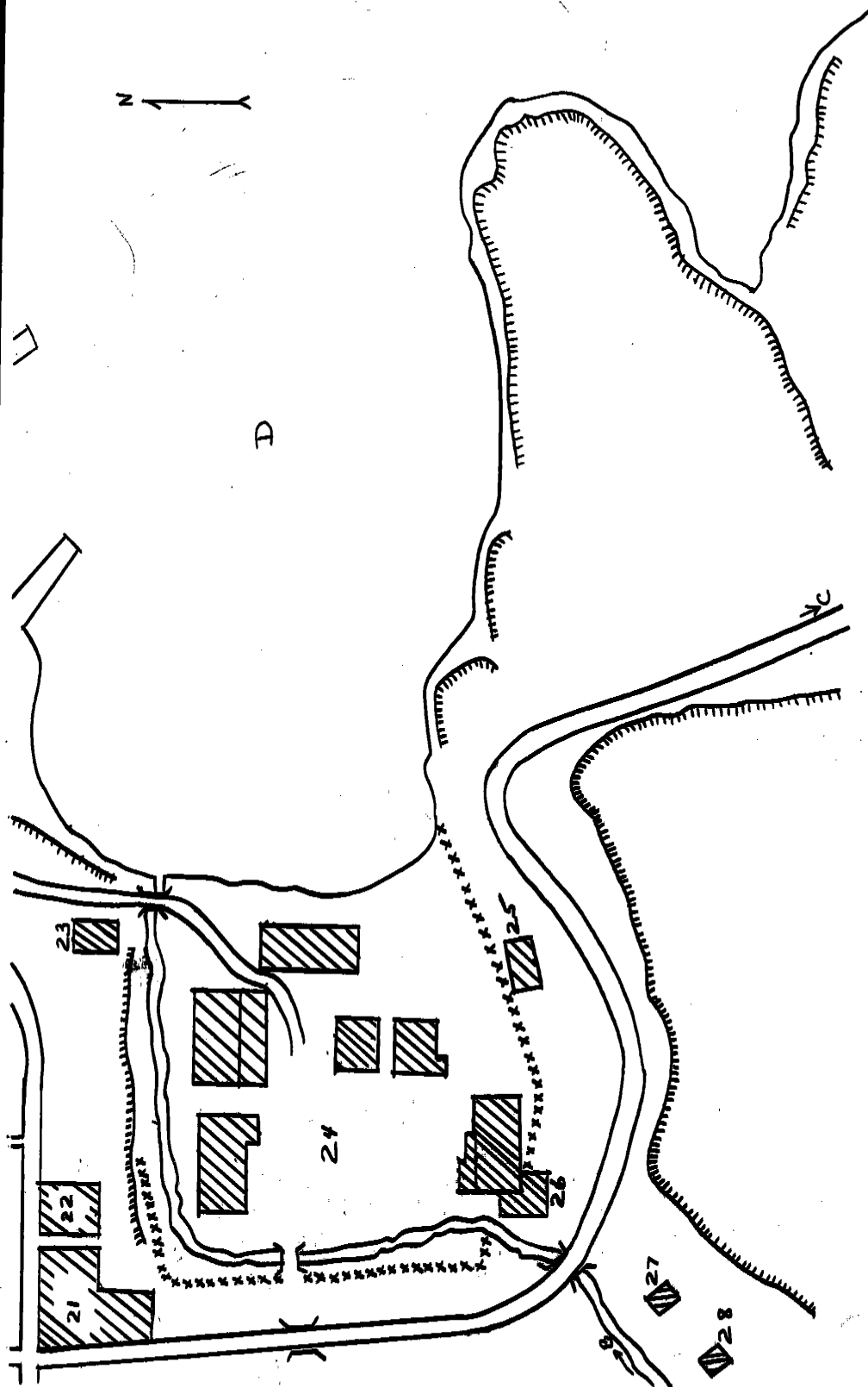
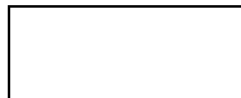
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Order of Battle

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2. Bulgarian Army headquarters are located as follows:

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b. The 2 Army - Pleven

c. The 3 Army - Sliven

d. The 4 Army - Plovdiv

two or three officers and three or four enlisted men came from Plovdiv to Shumen to challenge the 3 Army Arms Technician School to a shooting match in the name of the 4 Army Arms Technician School).

Military Schools and Courses

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schools for officers:

- a. An OCS for communications officers located in the former garrison of 31 Rifle Regiment at Silistra; the course of study is one year, and there are 900-1000 students at the school;

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- b. A school for arms technicians in each army; as of 1951, there was a school for antiaircraft artillery arms technicians in Gorna Oryakhovitsa which was attached to 4 Army; graduates of this school were sent to each of the armies; and
- c. A school for accountants (Finansova Shkola za Kovchezhnitsi) in Ruse; course of study is six months; in January 1953, there was a 20-day accounting course for enlisted men at this school conducted in the barracks of 5 Rifle Regiment barracks in Ruse.

Miscellaneous Military Information

- 25X1 4. [REDACTED] an unidentified rifle regiment was observed in Dobrich.
- 25X1 5. [REDACTED] the 12 Motorized Rifle Regiment was stationed in Stara Zagora. [REDACTED] an unidentified motorized rifle regiment was observed in Silistra.
- 25X1 6. There is an unidentified division artillery regiment in Elkhovo. An unidentified division artillery regiment, barracked in newly constructed buildings, is located in Sredets. [REDACTED] fifty to sixty 75 mm. ZIS-3 and 105 mm. Krupp howitzers in the barracks yard.
- 25X1 7. [REDACTED] the 1 Guards Cavalry Regiment was located in the old 31 Rifle Regiment barracks in Silistra. In the fall of 1950, the 8 Cavalry Regiment moved from Silistra to Dobrich. In February 1951, two enlisted men from 8 Cavalry Regiment in Dobrich attended the 3 Army Arms Technician School in Shumen.
- 25X1 8. In April 1953, a coastal artillery regiment [REDACTED] was observed in Michurin. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 9. A border guard komandatura, strength approximately 100 men, is located in Michurin. [REDACTED] There is a border guard zastava located at "Silistar", which is on the Black Sea about three kilometers south of Sinomorets (N 42-05, E 27-56) Michurin Okoliya.
- 25X1 10. [REDACTED] 3 Rifle Battalion, 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade, was attached to an unidentified antitank unit occupying fortifications in the vicinity of Kapitan Andreevo (N 41-44, E 26-19).

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The 3 Army

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1. The commanding officer of 3 Army [] is Colonel TSONEV.¹ Lieutenant General SOLDATOV, is the Soviet adviser to 3 Army. SOLDATOV wears a Soviet uniform but a civilian coat, uses a red Pobeda car, and visited Tsarevo with Colonel TSONEV []. A Lieutenant GENOV, is attached to 3 Army headquarters.

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2. [redacted] Slavcho TRUNSKI, former commander of 3 Army, is now a civilian in Sofia and "doing a very difficult job for the Communist Party."

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25X1 3. The following units are subordinate to 3 Army:

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a. The 3 Army Artillery Regiment [] in Shumen []

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b. The 3 Army Communications Regiment [redacted] at Sliven [redacted]

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c. The 3 Rifle Division, with headquarters across from the new railroad station in Burgas

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1. The 24 Rifle Regiment, with barracks north of the old railroad station and across from the "Spartak" factory in Burgas

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2. The 27 Rifle Regiment, in the same garrison as the 24 Rifle Regiment
in Burgas [redacted]

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3. The 32 Rifle Regiment, in newly constructed barracks in Sredets

4. 3 DAP² (Diviziya Artilleriyski Polk; Division Artillery Regiment) at Yambol

d. The 5 Rifle Division at Ruse

composed of:

1. The 19 Rifle Regiment at Razgrad

2. The 5 "Rusenski" or "Dunavski" Rifle Regiment at Ruse

3. The 5 DAP at Ruse

e. The 7 Rifle Division at Yambol composed as follows:

1. Two unidentified rifle regiments at Yambol;

2. One unidentified rifle regiment at Elkhovo;

3. The 4 DAP at Shumen

f. The 16 Independent Mountain Rifle Brigade, with headquarters at Zvezdets

g. the following units in Burgas are attached to the 3 Rifle Division:

1. An unidentified motor transport regiment

2. An antiaircraft battalion with barracks near the garrison of the 24 Rifle Regiment northeast of the old railroad station

3. An unidentified artillery unit, twenty-five-thirty 77 mm. ZIS-3 antitank and 75 mm. Rhinemetall guns on blocks near the railroad bridge and the "Slavyanka" factory

The 24 Rifle Regiment

4. 12 Tiger-type German tanks in the garrison of 24 Rifle Regiment. on a continuing basis there were 200 reservists on duty at 24 Rifle Regiment for two months training in tactics and weapons familiarization. enlisted men and officer reservists at the barracks. Officers wore enlisted men's uniforms, and ranks were indicated by stars directly attached to the epaulet. officers from Senior First Lieutenant to Colonel.

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7 Rifle Division

- 25X1 5. [] the 7 Rifle Division had a practice mobilization, and reservists were called up and sent to camps in the Yambol area. Half of them were released after five-six days, but informant does not know how long the remainder were retained. In July 1951, the Artillery Supply Officer of 7 Rifle Division was Lieutenant Colonel TSENOV.

16 Mountain Rifle Brigade

- 25X1 6. [] the quartermaster unit of 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade was to move to Burgas for more efficient handling of supplies. It is to be attached to 3 Rifle Division for support.

Armament

- 25X1 7. In addition to the armament [] the 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade has the following equipment:
- a. 1,500,000 "S" type (long, heavy duty) 7.62 mm. rounds;
 - b. 25-30 "sumari" (saddle packs for loading Schwarzlose heavy machine guns on horses);
 - c. 20 Krupp Bofors 75 mm. guns, two of which were retained by 3 Battalion, and the rest sent to the Brigade at Zvezdets, which has a total of 20-22;
 - d. 24,000,000 rounds ammunition, 3,000,000 of which were 8 mm. heavy machine gun rounds, obtained from 7 Rifle Division at Yambol and sent to 3 Heavy Machine Gun and Artillery Battalion in Fakiya;
 - e. 8,000 Bulgarian offensive grenades; and
 - f. 5,000 Bulgarian defensive grenades, obtained from 7 Rifle Division.
8. In October 1952, the following ammunition was transferred from 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade in Zvezdets to the three newly constructed depots of 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade at Tsarevo:
- a. 300 rifles;
 - b. 6 Rhinemetall 50 mm. guns;
 - c. 12 Soviet-type 7.62 sniper rifles;
 - d. 6 Mausers 8.92 mm. (using dum-dum bullets);
 - e. 6 Degtyarev 14.5 mm. antitank rifles;
 - f. 10 heavy machine guns; and
 - g. An unspecified amount of ammunition.

Specialized Training

- 25X1 9. During the winter months, enlisted men of 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade receive training in skiing. For this purpose, the 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade, has 50-60 pairs of skis []
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- 25X1 10. Every winter, 30-40 of the sturdiest officers and men are sent to Razlog for training in technical mountain climbing. [] a group, including 4-5 officers, was sent for this training. They were issued "tourist type" clothing. []
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Recall of Reserves

- 25X1 11. [REDACTED] the 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade Headquarters had 50-60 reserves of the 1926, 1927, and 1928 classes called up for two months of training in tactics and weapons familiarization. All of those recalled were specialists, such as radar operators, telephone personnel, engineers and antiaircraft personnel.

Barracks, 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade (see Appendix A)3 Rifle Battalion, 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade at Tsarevo

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Armament and Equipment

13. In addition to the armament [REDACTED] the 3 Battalion has the following armament and equipment:

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- a. Egg-shaped 190 gram German offensive grenades;
- b. Handle-type 750 gram Bulgarian offensive grenades;
- c. Handle-type 900 gram Bulgarian defensive grenades;
- d. Small conserve can-shaped Soviet offensive grenades;
- e. Each company is equipped with a Soviet 20 mm. pistol for firing colored flares;
- f. German telephone sets (in bakelite cases) and Bulgarian and Soviet telephone sets (in wooden cases);
- g. Pack wireless sets in 40 x 40 cm. green-painted wood cases; [REDACTED] they have a 150 kilometer range; and
- h. Each soldier has a small spade, shovel or ax; there are also regular size excavation tools.

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25X1 The 3 Battalion had only one trained arms technician [REDACTED]

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Activities

14. The 3 Battalion trains between Izgrev (N 42-08, E 27-49) and Bulgari (N 42-06, E 27-43) villages. Sentries are posted as follows:
- Twenty-four hour guard is maintained by 3-man teams on 2-hour duty;
 - One sentry is posted at the headquarters building;
 - Two sentries are posted near the entrance gate to the garrison; in addition, one soldier controls traffic through the gate; and
 - One 3-man team during the day, and two 3-man teams during the night are on duty at 3 Battalion arms depot located three kilometers west of Tsarevo; while one man of each team sleeps, the second is on patrol duty and the third is at the sentry box.

The 3 Battalion has participated in no maneuvers.

Recall of Reserves

15. No reserves have been called up for the 3 Battalion.

DSNM Organization

16. Each company of 3 Battalion has a DSNM (Dimitrovski Sŭyuz na Narodnata Mladeszh; Dimitrov's Union of the People's Youth) committee, consisting of a secretary and three members. There is a central committee for the entire battalion consisting of a secretary and six members.

a. First Lieutenant KOVACHEV, secretary;

b. Private Yordan PETROV, member

c. Private Peyu LNU, member.

17. There were 13 members of the DSNM in the supply platoon of 3 Battalion. The DSNM committee of the supply platoon consisted of the following:

a. Private Stoyan Georgiev PETROV, secretary

b. Corporal PAROV, member;

c. Private Dimitur MOLOV, member; and

d. Private Stoyan LNU, member.

DSNM members in the supply platoon did not receive membership cards, although they are usually issued to members. The DSNM met three times a week for two hours to hear political talks.

Barracks, 3 Battalion in Tsarevo (See Appendix B)

Comment: in August, September or October and November 1951, General Dobri DZHURGOV, then commander of 3 Army, visited 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade, in Tsarevo and Colonel TSONEV visited 3 Battalion in April 1953 as commander of 3 Army.

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[redacted] Comment: [redacted] the headquarters of 3 DAP was near the
headquarters of 3 Rifle Division in Burgas; [redacted]
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[redacted] 3 DAP was in Yambol [redacted] and subordinate to 7 Rifle Division;
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2. Infantry weapon ammunition depot
3. Artillery and mortar ammunition depot
4. 75 mm. artillery and 107 mm. mortar ammunition depot
5. Chemical warfare depot
6. Blank cartridge depot
7. Assorted explosives depot
8. Stables
9. Gasoline depot
10. Garage for artillery pieces
11. Building under construction
12. Weapons depot and various workshops
13. Automobile garage, repair shop and arms repair shop
14. Baths
15. New bakery
16. Engineer company storehouse
17. Woodpile
18. Old bakery
19. 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade headquarters
20. Kitchen
21. Barracks for enlisted men
22. Telephone switchboard
23. Officers' quarters
24. Guard room, barber and canteen
25. Fresh water tank
26. Infirmary
27. Lavatory

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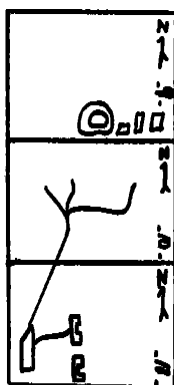
28. Engineer supply storehouse

29. Sentry box

A. Road to Burgas

B. Zvezdets

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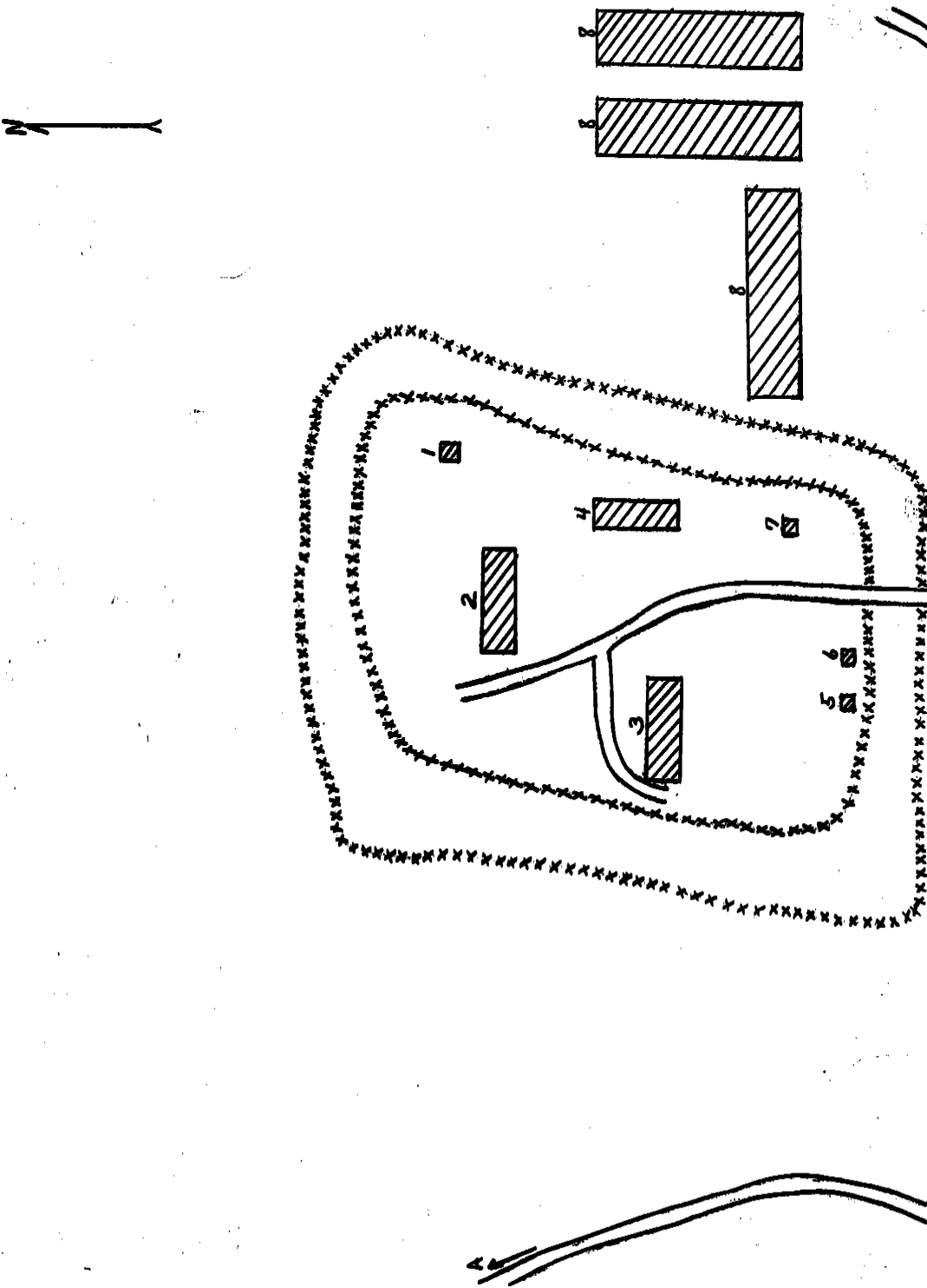
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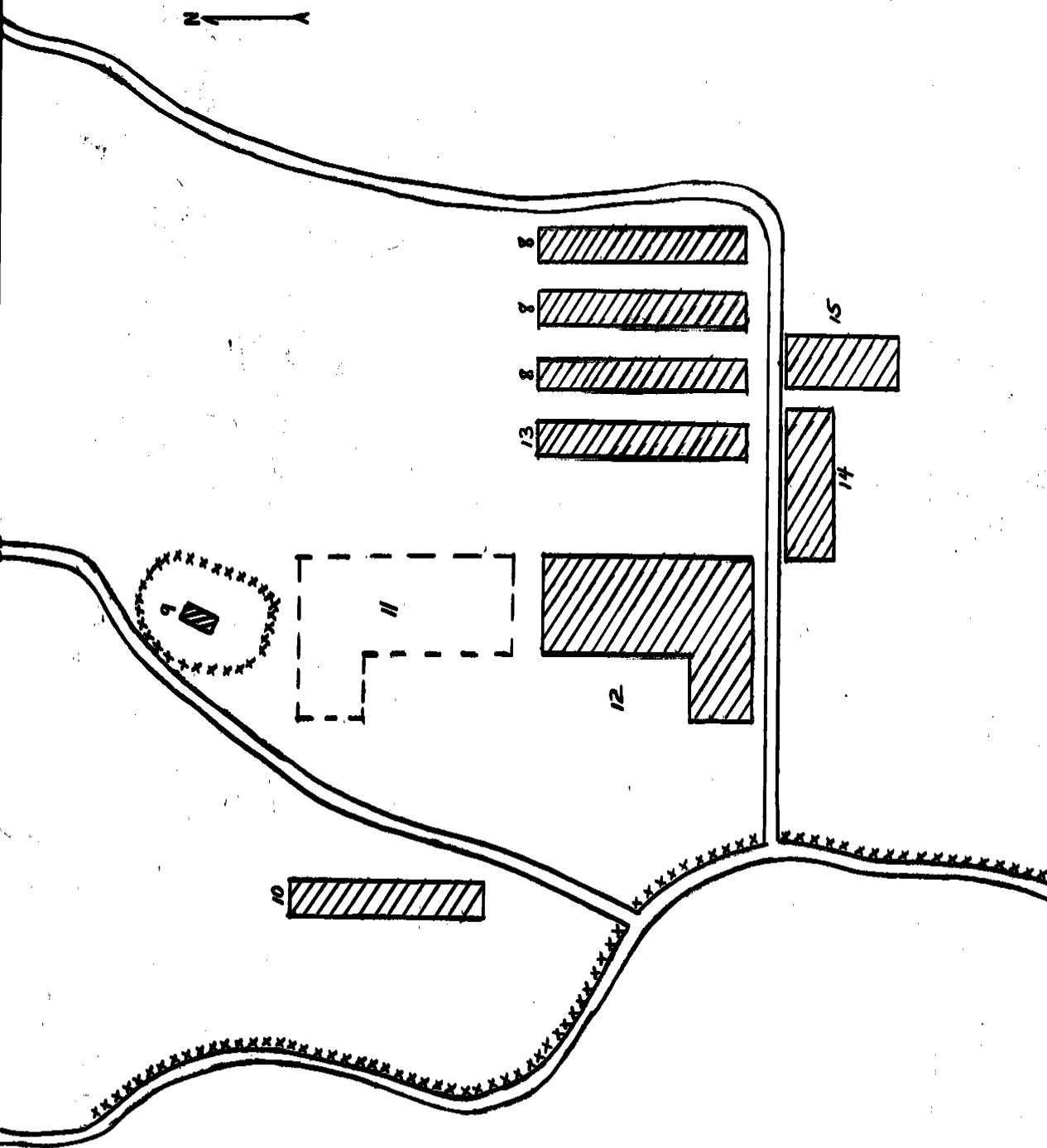
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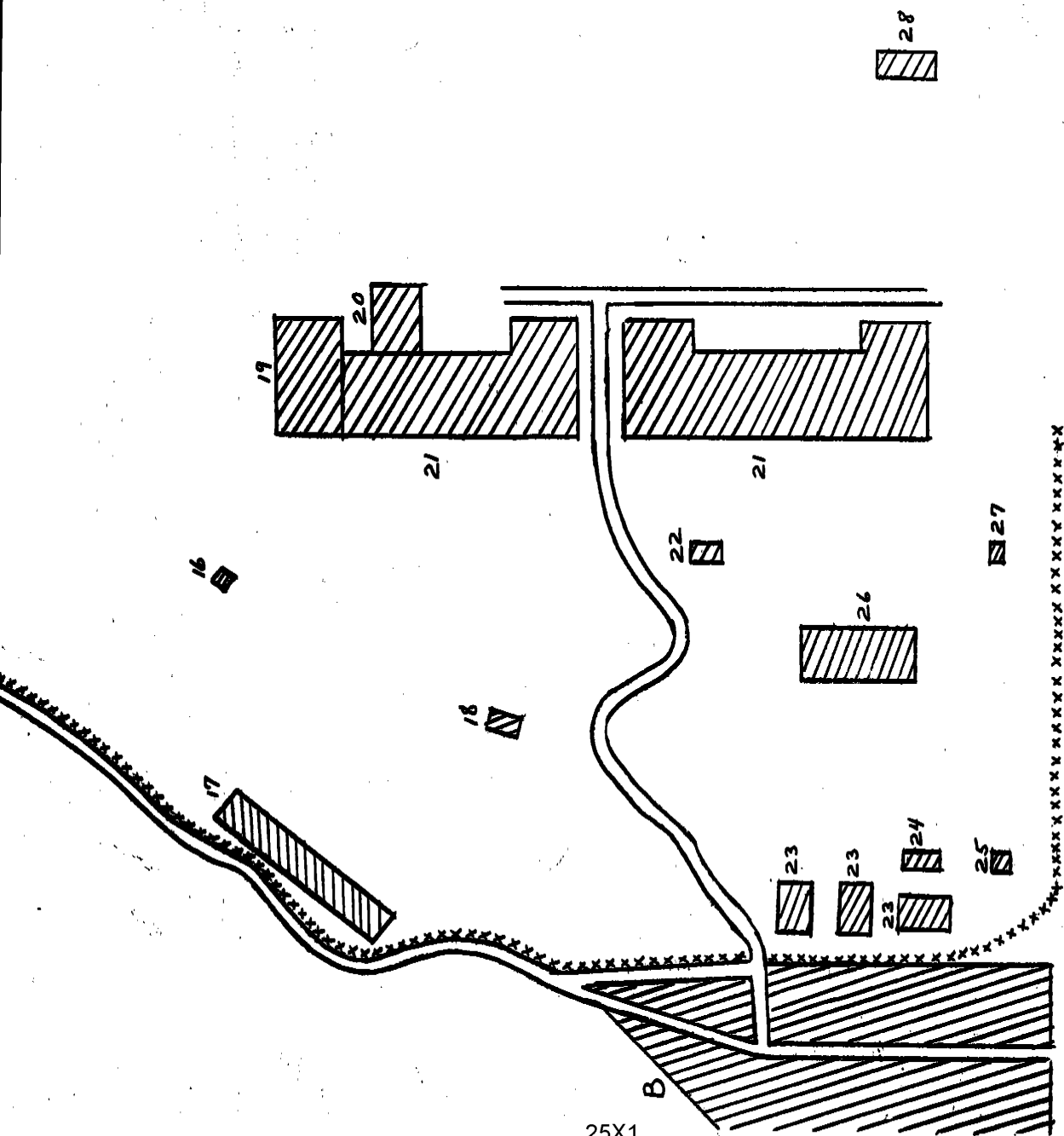
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| 1. Ordnance storehouse | A. Road to Burgas |
| 2. Food storehouses | B. Stream |
| 3. 3 Battalion headquarters | C. Black Sea |
| 4. Baths | D. Road to Akjtopol |
| 5. Washroom |  Bridge |
| 6. Arms repair shop | xxx Barbed wire fence |
| 7. Kitchen | |
| 8. Mess hall | |
| 9. Truck garage | |
| 10 and 15. Garage for guns | |
| 11. Hay and grain storehouse | |
| 12. Sentry rest room | |
| 13. Stables | |
| 14. Lavatories | |
| 16. Mortar garage | |
| 17. Carpentry shop | |
| 18. Veterinarian's office | |
| 19. Ordnance and finance office | |
| 20. Intelligence office | |
| 21. Canteen | |
| 22. One-story barracks | |
| 23. Two-story barracks | |
| 24. Flourmill | |
| 25. Storehouse belonging to the flourmill | |

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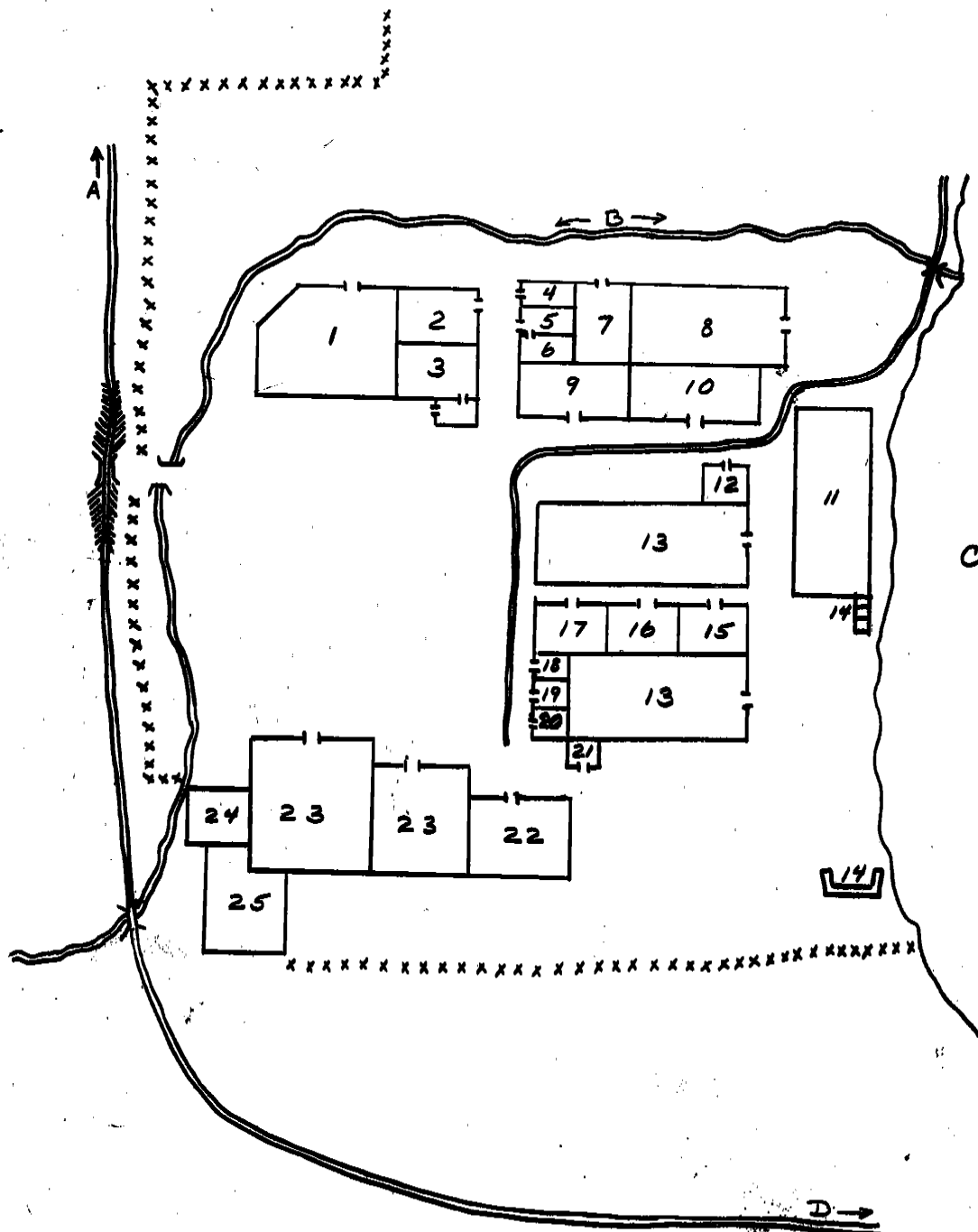
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- g. First Lieutenant Veliko Zhekov KUNEV, Commanding Officer of 5 Company, 28 Rifle Regiment; as of April 1953, Commanding Officer of 8 Company, 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Brigade in Tsarevo [redacted]

- h. First Lieutenant PARASHKEVOV, Headquarters Commandant, 2 Battalion, 28 Rifle Regiment [redacted]

- i. First Lieutenant PAUNOV, Supply Officer, 28 Rifle Regiment [redacted]

- j. First Lieutenant BARBOV, Political Officer Supply Company, 28 Rifle Regiment; [redacted]

- k. Major BUMBAROV, Ordnance Officer, 28 Rifle Regiment [redacted]

3. The 28 Rifle Regiment was armed with the following types of weapons:

- a. 7.62 mm. M1944 Soviet carbines;
- b. 7.62 mm. Degtyarev light machine guns;
- c. 14.5 mm. M1941 Degtyarev antitank rifles;
- d. 7.62 mm. Maksim Sokolov heavy machine guns;
- e. 7.62 mm. Shpagin submachine guns;
- f. 7.62 mm. "TT" (Tulski Tokarev) Soviet pistols;
- g. 82 mm. Degtyarev mortars;
- h. 107 mm. Soviet mortars;
- i. 45 mm. Soviet antitank guns;
- j. 75 mm. Soviet field artillery; and
- k. 12.5 mm. D.Sh K. antiaircraft heavy machine guns.

4. The equipment of 28 Rifle Regiment included the following:

- a. Two Opel 3-ton trucks;
- b. Two ZIS 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks;
- c. One jeep;
- d. One Steyr $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck;
- e. Approximately fifty 4-wheel 2-horse wagons;
- f. Colored signal flares (type unknown); and

- g. 40 x 40 cm. pack wireless sets (case is green-painted wood) [redacted]
[redacted] these sets had a range of 150 kilometers.

5. Sometime prior to the end of November 1950, the 28 Rifle Regiment was re-designated the 16 Mountain Brigade [redacted] subordinate to 3 Army, and the 28 Rifle Regiment was disbanded.

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1. Since 1949, gimnaziya students have had compulsory pre-military training. Boys and girls in the co-educational gimnaziya in Tsarevo must take a 1-year military course given three hours every Saturday and Sunday. The administration of the school is responsible for conducting the course, which is taught by officers from nearby military units. [REDACTED] the course in Tsarevo was given by the following officers from 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Brigade:

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- a. Second Lieutenant ZAKHARIEV;
b. Second Lieutenant NIKOLOV; and
c. First Lieutenant Vasil Ivanov RANGELOV.

Induction Procedure

2. [REDACTED] 2000-3000 men appeared at the girls gimnaziya in Stara Zagora for a preliminary medical examination by the medical commission of 12 Military Region (Voenen Okrug). The men were from the following localities:

- a. Central Stara Zagora district;
b. As far south as Lyubimets (N 41-50, E 26-05);
c. As far west as Mikhaylovo (N 42-15, E 25-32);
d. As far north as Zmeyovo (N 42-30, E 25-37) and Zimnitsa (N 42-35, E 26-35); and
e. As far east as the western edge of Gorno Botovo (N 42-24, E 25-49).

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3. A preliminary medical examination was organized as follows:

- a. A civilian, Doctor Ivan SOSKOV, examined for rupture, asked if the person had any physical complaints, examined body, arm and foot movement, asked if there were any diseases in the family medical history;
- b. A soldier took chest, forehead and foot measurements;
- c. A civilian, Dr. Dimitur UZUNOV, examined chest, heart, body and teeth; and
- d. An unidentified captain examined the men with a fluoroscope.

4. The men appeared before a commission composed of a colonel, a lieutenant-colonel, a major, one civilian and 3-4 clerks. This commission recorded the following information:

- a. Name;
- b. Date and place of birth;
- c. Diseases and illnesses; and
- d. Family medical history.

About 30 persons were examined per hour. A notice to appear for a second examination was given to each person [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a result of this examination, one of the eleven boys from Zora (N 42-26, E 25-42) was assigned to the Trudovaks because of a chest deformity. The rest entered regular army units.

5. The second examination was the same as the first except that an unidentified civilian oculist examined eyes and an unidentified civilian dentist examined teeth. The commission contained the same military personnel plus two civilians. [REDACTED] these civilians represented the Communist Party or the State Security. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Following the second examination, men having venereal diseases were sent to Camp Yanko Zabrinov, a large farm located between Tutraikan and Ruse, where they were put to work.

6. The third examination was the same as the previous ones except that it was more carefully done. The examining personnel was the same as for the second examination. Examinees carried medical cards throughout the examination, and all notations were made in Latin characters. Following the examination, the cards were processed by clerks who called the boys individually and gave them travel permits (Donaborna Knishka) valid for free transportation until arrival at the assigned unit.

7. [REDACTED]

8. Approximately 500 men [REDACTED] left the train in Ruse and boarded the "Aleksandur Stamboliyski" which sailed from Ruse [REDACTED] and arrived at Silistra [REDACTED] the same day. From there the men were taken to the barracks of 31 Rifle Regiment.

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Miscellaneous Military Information

- 25X1 9. In July 1952 the class of 1929 was discharged from the Army, and the class of 1930 is to be released in mid-summer 1953. No one in the 16 Mountain Rifle Brigade [] was kept in the army involuntarily. One remained in the Army because he was promoted to Starshina. []

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- 25X1 10. [] approximately 150 medical students were receiving two months of military training at Camp Dugrets near Ruse. Medical students receive two months military training as privates each summer of their medical course. []
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11. The following is the procedure used in the issuing of ammunition used in training:

- a. A requisition slip is made out for ammunition by company;
- b. The requisition slip must be signed by the battalion commander;
- c. The receiving soldier presents the requisition slip to the ammunition depot and signs a receipt showing the kind and quantity of ammunition received; and
- d. Empty shells and unused cartridges must be returned to the ammunition depot and a receipt signed for them.

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment: []
- 25X1 [] "Komanda's" 1 through 100 denote Trudovaks and "Komanda's" above 100 are for various type army units; "105" was a rifle regiment; "109" an artillery battalion assigned to a rifle regiment. []
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1. The Stara Zagora airfield is located one kilometer southeast of Kolyu Ganchevo (N 42-24, E 25-39), Stara Zagora Okoliya, and approximately one kilometer northwest of a 225-acre forest containing the Stara Zagora state-owned stock farm. The field lies between the Kolyu Ganchevo - Mogila and the Kolyu Ganchevo - Sredets (now Grudovo) roads.

2. The airfield is approximately 6-7 x 2-3 kilometers in size. There is no concrete runway.

3. [redacted] 20-25 single-engine fighters of an unidentified type at the airfield.

4. [redacted] a parachute school is permanently located there.

25X1 Yambol Airfield

5. [redacted] This field is located approximately one kilometer north of the Yambol railroad station. [redacted] 20-25 single-engine fighter planes parked about 150 meters from the railroad and [redacted] 8-10 buildings situated 300-400 meters from the railroad.

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Sliven Airfield

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 25X1 parachutists jumping from airplanes.

Bezmer Airfield

25X1 7. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] a "large" amount of construction materials (stone, brick,
 25X1 reinforcing iron rods, and cement) piled between the station and the field.
 25X1 [redacted] "jet" planes of an unidentified type, in three rows of
 15 and one row of three, located 300 meters from the train.¹

Miscellaneous Bulgarian Airfields

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a. Airfields accommodating jet aircraft:

- (1) Tolbukhin (Dobrich); and
- (2) Balchik;

b. Airfields not accommodating jet aircraft:

- (1) Lovech (with facilities for aircraft repair);
- (2) Telish;
- (3) Gorna Oryakhovitsa;
- (4) Pleven;
- (5) Vrashdebna;
- (6) Radomir;
- (7) Boshuritsa;
- (8) Dupnitsa;
- (9) Atanasovo;
- (10) Plovdiv;
- (11) Kasanlik; and
- (12) Karlovo or Sopot;

c. Airfields to be activated in time of war:

- (1) Byala Slatina; and
- (2) Nova Zagora.

Radar Installation

25X1 9. [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] radar station located on a hill approximately 500 meters
 25X1 southwest of Indzhe Voyvoda (N 42-13, E 27-24). [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] from this installation the type and direction of flight of any aircraft
 25X1 can be determined at a distance of 300 kilometers (sic) and that there were listen-
 25X1 ing devices to determine the strength of the aircraft's engines (sic). [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] the installation was located in a 50-acre area surrounded by barbed
 25X1 wire and that 50 soldiers from 16 Mountain Brigade were assigned for sentry duty
 at the installation.
 25X1 10. [redacted] soldiers with blue collar tabs and
 a "lightning rod" insignia on their epaulets. Their uniforms were similar to
 those of other units. [redacted] soldiers wearing blue
 collar tabs were from the radar installation.

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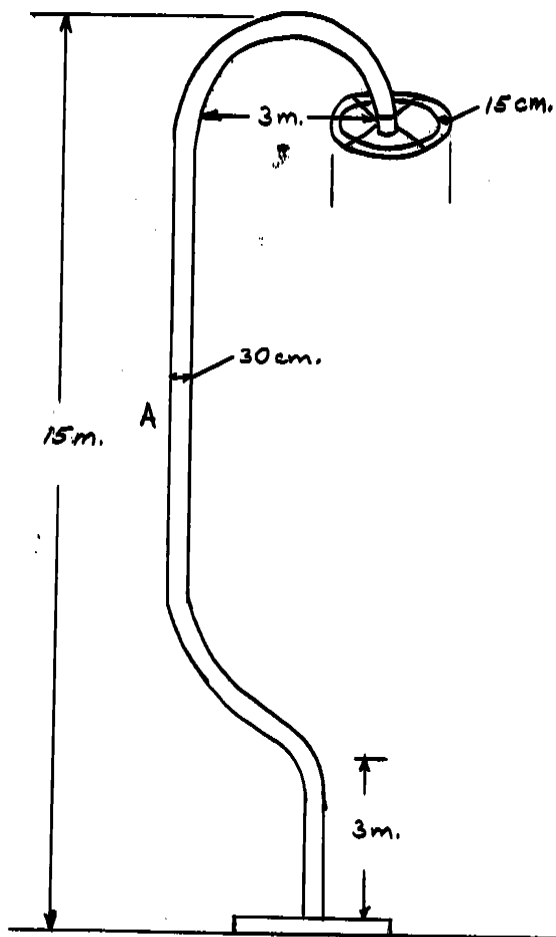
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- 25X1 11. The sketch shown below shows the radar installation near Indahe Vayveda, from a distance of approximately three kilometers. The portion shown as A rotates continuously.



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25X1 Miscellaneous Economic Information

1. The following list shows the prices of certain commodities as of March 1953:

Amount	Commodity	Price in Leva (new money)
1 kg.	meat	14-16
1 kg.	sugar	10
1 kg.	cheese	20
1 kg. (sic)	milk	4
1 kg.	flour	4
1 kg.	dark bread	2
1 kg.	white bread	5
1 kg.	butter	40
1 kg.	sunflower oil	20
1 kg.	lard	40
1 kg.	potatoes	2
1 kg.	onions	1.5
1 meter	menswear (mediocre quality)	90-100
1 pair	shoes (cheapest type)	115
1 pair	socks (cheapest type)	10

2. The following are salary rates as of March 1953:

Laborer (average)	13-15 leva per day
Starshi Serzhant	550 leva per month
Army Captain (Battalion Commanding Officer)	1,000 leva per month

3. Because of the disparity between wages and the cost of living, more than one member of each family must work in order to support the family.

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TKZS in Zora, Stara Zagora Okoliya

4. The TKZS (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopantsvo; Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm) in Zora (N 42-25, E 25-45), a village with a population of approximately 500, was formed in 1950 with 40 percent of the fertile land, amounting to 125-150 acres. Approximately 50 percent of the villagers joined the cooperative.
5. Most of the work is done in a primitive fashion, but the threshing is done with machinery provided by the Machine Tractor Station in Stara Zagora. Vegetables, wheat, and corn are the main products.
6. In 1952, two leva and 850 grams of produce were paid to members of the TKZS for each "work day."

Development Program for Zora

7. In 1950, Zora was provided with electricity from Stara Zagora.
8. In 1953, the government was building an irrigation system for Zora.

The Michurin - Burgas Road (March 1953)

9. The Michurin - Burgas road is surfaced with gravel and is in "excellent" condition. One bus runs daily between Michurin and Burgas. Freight traffic predominates on this road.
10. Bridges between Michurin and Burgas, starting from Michurin, are as follows:
 - a. A wooden bridge, 15 x 5 meters, over a dry stream located 1.5 kilometers from Michurin;
 - b. A stone bridge (with wooden balustrades), 15 x 5 meters, located two kilometers south of Losenets village;
 - c. A wooden bridge, 4-5 x 5 meters, over a dry stream located 150 meters south of Losenets village;
 - d. A stone bridge, 4-5 x 5 meters, over a dry stream located approximately one kilometer north of Losenets;
 - e. A wooden bridge with four cement piles, approximately 50 x 5-6 meters, across a lake called "Kara Agach" located three kilometers south of Kitenu village; loads up to five tons only are allowed to cross this bridge;
 - f. A wooden bridge, 35-40 x 5-6 meters, across the "Dahavolska" stream, located two kilometers south of Primorsko village;
 - g. A stone bridge, 15 x 5-6 meters, over the Ropotamo stream, located three kilometers south of Veseliya village;
 - h. A stone bridge, 7-8 x 5-6 meters, over a stream located three kilometers south of Rosen village;
 - i. A stone bridge, 15 x 5-6 meters, over a stream passing through Rosen village;
 - j. A stone bridge, 7-8 x 5-6 meters, over a small stream located five kilometers north of Rosen village;
 - k. A stone bridge, approximately 25 x 5-6 meters, over a stream located 6-7 kilometers north of Rosen;
 - l. A concrete bridge (with high iron balustrades), 50 x 5 meters, at a place called "Poda", located 7-8 kilometers south of Burgas; and
 - m. A concrete bridge, 10 x 5-6 meters, located approximately one kilometer north of the bridge at "Poda."

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11. A new 50-60 x 5-6-meter reinforced concrete bridge is under construction 7-8 meters east of the bridge described in Para. 10e above, at "Kara Agach" lake. Four piers have been completed and laying of the roadway has started. There is no other bridge upon which heavy loads can be carried across the lake. Approximately 150 civilian workers are employed on this project. The bridge should be completed by the end of 1953.

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Railroad Bridges Between Stara Zagora and Kalitinovo [REDACTED]

12. Railroad bridges located between Stara Zagora and Kalitinovo (N 42-25, E 25-48), a distance of approximately seven kilometers, are as follows:
- a. A bridge with concrete balustrades, 35-40 x 5 meters, over the Bidechka stream, located one kilometer east of Stara Zagora;
 - b. A concrete bridge, 4-5 x 5 meters, across a ditch located 400 meters east of the Bidechka stream;
 - c. A concrete bridge, 4-5 meters long and the width of the road bed, over a drainage ditch on the eastern outskirts of Zora village; and
 - d. A concrete bridge, with iron balustrades, 25 meters long and the width of the road bed, over a swamp land approximately 350 meters east of Zora.

All these bridges are in good condition.

Michurin - Burgas Ship Travel (March 1953)

13. A small ship, capable of holding 100-120 passengers and their baggage, named the "Karamfilka Angelova" (formerly the "Knyaginya Evdokiya"), plies between Michurin and Burgas. During calm weather, it leaves Michurin every other day at 9:00 a.m. and arrives in Burgas at 1:00 p.m. The fare from Michurin to Burgas is 9.90 leva (new money).¹
14. The identity cards of passengers are checked on embarking and disembarking. Frequently three or four Border Guards board the ship at the intermediary ports (Kiten (N 42-14, E 27-47), Primorsko (N 42-16, E 27-44), and Sozopol (N 42-24, E 27-42) to check identity documents. [REDACTED]
15. Small 30-40 ton ships load wood at Michurin and Alchtopol (N 42-07, E 27-55), and head out to sea. [REDACTED]

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Location

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25X1¹. The Mladshi Serzhant School of 31 Rifle Regiment [] was located in the regimental barracks in Siliistra from 3 January to 1 May 1950. The school moved with the regiment to summer encampment at Camp Dunavets where it stayed until 3 August when it was disbanded.

Organization and Teaching Staff

2. A Mladshi Serschant School is organized in the regiment every year, two or three months after the entrance of a class (nabor) on active duty. The course of studies usually lasts eight or nine months. There were no reservists in the school and no refresher courses were given concurrently with the school.
3. In 1950, there were 92-93 students in the school company divided into two rifle platoons, a mortar platoon and an antitank platoon.
4. The teaching staff of the school was comprised of the company and platoon commanders.

Selection, Examinations and Assignments

5. A sufficient number of students were selected for each school class to fill the needs of the regiment for mladshi serzhants.
6. Students were selected by Senior First Lieutenant Simeonov, and the respective company commanders on the basis of general observation during basic training. Apparent criteria for selection were alertness and adaptability to Army life. [redacted] political considerations were minor in selecting students.

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7. Students were examined by their subject teachers who used individual grading systems. Individual results in each course were posted on group graphs. The examinations were oral, and students drew their examination questions by lot.
8. The school was inspected mainly by regimental officers. Occasionally divisional, Army and Ministry of Defense representatives sat in on classes and took notes.
9. With one exception, each of the students completed the school as a mladshi serzhant. One student graduated as an efreytor. The graduates were returned to their original units except when there was a surplus in that unit in which case they were reassigned to other units.

Teaching Facilities

10. The school had text books in history, geography and politics only. One book was issued to every two or three students. The weapons discussed were shown to the students. One movie was shown to the students. There were no other teaching aids. The students used the firing range of the regiment as required.

Curriculum

11. The infantry platoons, mortar platoon and antitank platoon each had a separate curriculum in accordance with these specialities.
12. The curriculum of the infantry platoons was as follows:
 - a. History - given 1-2 hours, 2-3 times a week throughout the course of studies, including:
 - (1) Bulgarian history from 1878;
 - (2) Historical foundation and rise of the Bulgarian Communist Party;
 - (3) Development of the Communist Party in the USSR;
 - (4) World War I and the intervention of the Allies following it; and
 - (5) World War II, Partisan activity and the "freeing" of Bulgaria;
 - b. Geography - given 1-2 hours, 2-3 times a week throughout the course of studies, including:
 - (1) Natural geography, resources, urbanization and industrialization of Bulgaria; and
 - (2) Geography of Yugoslavia, Turkey, Greece, Great Britain, France, USSR, and USA (The USA was shown as the only capitalistic country which had achieved a high degree of industrialization and a high standard of living although inferior to the USSR);
 - c. Politics - given 2 hours, 3 times a week throughout the course of study, including:
 - (1) History of the Bulgarian Communist Party;
 - (2) Partisan activity prior to 9 September 1944 and the assumption of power by the Fatherland Front;
 - (3) Lives of Vasil Kolarov, Georgi Dimitrov, and Vŭlko Chervenkov (to a lesser degree);
 - (4) The activities of Tito and Kostov;

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- (5) Size, resources and political history of the USSR from World War I (including the intervention of the Allies following World War I);
- (6) Life of Stalin;
- (7) Capitalist world;
- (8) Satellite countries; and
- (9) Dependence of Bulgaria on the USSR (greatest point of emphasis);
- d. Close order drill - given 2 hours daily;
- e. Physical training - given for half an hour, 6 days a week (emphasized running with full pack);
- f. Veterinary familiarization - covered in a few lectures concerning the care of animals, their protection and handling under artillery attack, etc;
- g. First Aid - given 1-2 hours, once a week, including public health and sanitation;
- h. Chemical warfare - given 2 hours, 1-2 times a week, including:
 - (1) Theory of chemical warfare;
 - (2) Recognition of tear, sneezing, respiratory and skin type gases (students took a whiff from chemical vials);
 - (3) Characteristics of gas shells (low explosive action);
 - (4) German type training masks were issued to each student (wartime masks were said to be in the warehouses); every Monday at a special sounding of "Poveska" (Retreat), students donned their masks and continued with their duties wearing the masks for one half to two hours; they removed the masks at the "Otboy" signal (all clear; also used to indicate the end of any given period of industry and the beginning of a rest period); students were trained to have their masks in operation within a maximum of 11 seconds; (they were told that in wartime, every man would be issued a mask and paraffin treated paper hood and that rubber suits would also be available);
- i. Tactics - given for 2 hours, 2-3 times a week (applicable topics were taught for squad, platoon and company size units):
 - (1) Use of cover;
 - (2) Erection of barbed wire;
 - (3) Cutting barbed wire;
 - (4) Digging of trenches;
 - (5) Digging and camouflaging of foxholes (to be dug while prone, about 30 centimeters deep);
 - (6) Camouflage (use of mud and shrubbery);
 - (7) Mine laying and cleaning of mine fields;
 - (8) Bayonet attack;

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- 25X1 (9) Infantry attack () English and German infantry attack after
25X1 an artillery barrage, but USSR infantry attacks during artillery barrage;
25X1 () greater force needed to attack a wooded area and smaller force
needed to defend it; one squad to cover up to 150 meter front, one
platoon 400-500 meters, one company 1000-1500 meters and one battalion
4-5 kilometers; men to advance 10-15 meters apart;
- 25X1 (10) Defense against infantry attack () hold fire until enemy within
40-50 meters);
- (11) Defense against cavalry attack () bayonet horse from trench);
- 25X1 (12) Defense against tank attack () place magnetic mine in tank
treads as it passes over trench);
- (13) Observation of distances, heights, etc.;
- (14) Characteristics and use of magnetic, smoke, explosive, incendiary
grenades; Also the use of special type consisting of two grenades tied
together; These are thrown over the barrel of a tank or self-propelled
gun disarming it;
- (15) Characteristics of antipersonnel and antitank mines;
- (16) Location of camps in terms of water, sanitation, cover and strategic
position;
- (17) Film on booby traps;
- (18) Night training in observation, estimation of distance, determination of
compass points by the stars, trees, stumps, house windows, churches, etc.,
techniques of advance under cover of darkness, night security measures;
- (19) Techniques of interior and perimeter guard duty;
- j. Hand-to-hand combat - given 3 hours, 3 times a week, including judo, bayonet
fighting and grenade practice consisting of the following:
- (1) Throwing grenade from 25, 30 and 40 meters into a 100-200 x 90-115
x 110-115 centimeter trench;
- (2) Lobbing grenades from one trench to another;
- k. Weapons familiarization - given 2-3 hours, 2-3 times a week, including
assembly, disassembly and care of the Vintovka rifle, Soviet carbine,
Shpagin submachine gun, Degtyarev light machine gun, Degtyarev antitank rifle,
and Bren gun;
- l. Firing practice - given 3-4 hours, 3-4 times a week and sometimes daily,
as follows:
- | (1) | <u>Distance</u> | <u>Type Target</u> | <u>Weapon, Rounds, Firing Technique</u> |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| | 100 meters | Chest | Carbine; two practice, four test
rounds; prone with support (mortar
and antitank platoon members use
it for initial familiarization only) |
| | 200 meters | Waist | Rifle; two practice, two series of
four test rounds; prone without
support |

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<u>Distance</u>	<u>Type Target</u>	<u>Weapon, Rounds, Firing Technique</u>
200 meters	Waist	Carbine; two practice, four test rounds; prone without support
300 meters	Torso	Rifle and/or carbine; two practice, four test rounds; kneeling in trench
300 meters	Torso	Carbine and/or rifle; four test, two practice rounds; run 150 meters, crawl about 15 meters, fire from three positions set apart from each other and equidistant from the target (standing with weapon against a tree, kneeling without support, kneeling with rifle on tree stump)
300 meters	Moving torso	Rifle and/or carbine; four test, two practice rounds; run 150 meters, crawl 10-15 meters, fire from three positions as above (time from "hitting the dirt" to completion of firing not to exceed one minute)
400 meters	Full length and profile	Rifle and/or carbine; four test, two practice rounds; 20 kilometer hike with pack, complete obstacle course* jump into trench and fire immediately from kneeling position; total time to be 2.5 hours.

*The obstacle course consisted of a log climb, stepping stone jump from three blocks, broad jump, crawl under a barbed wire entanglement; bayonet three dummies; and throwing two wooden grenades into a ground target consisting of three concentric circles of diameters of 200-250, 100-150 and 50-75 centimeters (scoring: outside circles - poor; outermost circle - fair; second circle - good; inner circle - excellent).

(2) Scoring for all targets for four rounds:

- 1 - Average
- 2 - Good
- 3 and 4 - Excellent

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Location

- 25X1 1. The Arms Technician School (Shkola za Orushenni Tekhnitsi) of 3 Army was located opposite the 3 Army headquarters in Shumen (now Kolarovgrad).
25X1 (See Appendix A, based on a freehand drawing showing details of the school installation).

Organization and Administration

- 25X1 2. The school was first opened along Soviet lines in December 1950. The course of study of the first class lasted from December 1950 to March 1951. one unidentified private from the 3 Battalion, 16 Mountain Brigade in Isarevo (now Michurin) was sent to Shumen to attend the same school. This man was assigned to an unidentified unit in Fakiya after completing the school.
25X1 3. There were about seven officers attached to the school from various units of 3 Army. These were not regular teachers and often were not familiar with the course material and read their lectures from prepared scripts. In addition there were eight or nine regular Army noncommissioned officers attached to the school unit. There were no Soviet personnel at the school.
25X1 4. the following officers attached to the school:
25X1 a. First Lieutenant Boshanov - Commander of the School; an infantry officer.

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- b. First Lieutenant Aleksandrov - Commander and Political Officer of 1 Platoon; taught topography

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- c. Second Lieutenant Petrov - Commander and Political Officer of 2 Platoon;

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- d. First Lieutenant Nikolov - Instructor of Pyrotechnics, Solvents and Maintenance of Leather Equipment

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- e. First Lieutenant Dimov - Instructor of Optics

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- f. Second Lieutenant Tsvetkov - Instructor of Strength of Materials, Infantry Weapons and Politics; on temporary assignment from an unidentified unit in Shumen; and

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- g. Second Lieutenant Stanchev - Weapons instructor

- 25X1 5. The school company of 110-120 men were divided into two platoons. The 1 Platoon was composed of the more capable students, and the 2 Platoon of the weaker students.

- 25X1 6. Two men besides [redacted] from the 28 Rifle Regiment in Zvezdets attended the school:

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- a. Goncho Balev

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- b. Mladshi Serzhant Ivancho Petrov

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An unidentified rifle regiment and an unidentified division artillery regiment, both located in Elkhovo, sent 20 enlisted men to the school. Other students were from unidentified units in Ruse, Yambol, Dobrich (now Tolbukhin), Silistra, Rasgrad, Sliven and one man from Turnovo.

7. No reservists attended the school.

8. All of the students attended the same courses. Classes were held daily from 0730 to 1200 hours and from 1330 to 1800 hours. There was a compulsory study period from 1930 to 2130 hours.

Selection, Inspection and Assignment

- 25X1 9. The three students from the 28 Rifle Regiment were selected by their respective commanding officers.

25X1 [redacted] general conduct, intelligence, adaptability and leadership were the chief criteria for selection.

10. The school was inspected two or three times by groups of three or four officers who briefly questioned the students.

11. All of the students graduated from the school with the rank of Serzhant. They returned to their original units.

Facilities of the School

12. There were no text books at the school.

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13. There was one example of each of the light weapons in which instruction was given available for demonstration purposes only.
- 25X1 14. Students were taken to 3 Army Heavy Artillery Regiment [] to see heavier artillery weapons. The school was located in part of the barracks area of this regiment.
- 25X1 15. Students were taken to an antitank unit [] to see antitank weapons.
16. Students were taken to the movies when Soviet war pictures were being shown. No training films were shown at the school.

Curriculum

17. Students were taught how to repair weapons and given information regarding the tools used to repair them.
18. The following courses were given:
- a. "Ammunitsiya" and Smaaki" - given once a week for 3-4 hours; included information about harnesses, belts, preservatives, oil, solvents, etc;
 - b. "Pirotekhnika" - given 2-3 times a week for 2-3 hours; information regarding various explosives and their storage;
 - c. "Boypripasi" - given 1-2 times a week for 2-3 hours; information regarding shells and bombs;
 - d. "Avio bombi" - given 2-3 hours a week; information concerning the characteristics of bombs (incendiary, fragmentation, block busters) and their effective radius;
 - e. "Optika" - given 2-3 times a week for 2-3 hours; information concerning binoculars, range finders, periscopes and telescopic sights;
 - f. "Tekhnologiya" - given 3-4 times a week for 2 hours; information regarding the characteristics of steel and iron, tempering furnaces, machining of parts, etc;
 - g. "Oruzheznanie" - given 2-3 times a week for 2 hours; information regarding infantry weapons;
 - h. "Artilleriyska Materialna Chast" - given 3-4 hours a week for 2-4 hours; information regarding artillery weapons;
 - i. "Topografia" - given 2 hours a week; information on topography;
 - j. "Politichesko" - given 3 times a week for 2 hours; Political training; and
 - k. "Informatsia" - given 3 times a week (on alternate days with "Politichesko") for half an hour; current events.
- 25X1 19. The following is a list of the weapons shown to the students during the school course. The students only worked on the Soviet light infantry weapons during the course.
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*Mannlicher carbine M1895
 Parabellum (Luger) pistol M1911
 Unidentified German submachine gun
 *8 mm. Bren gun M1927
 *8 mm. Schwarzlose heavy machine gun
 7.92 "M.G." light machine gun

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*7.65 Zbrojovka pistol
Unidentified German automatic rifle
*7.62 mm. Tolski Tokarev pistol
Simonov submachine gun M1941
*7.62 mm. Shpagin submachine gun M1941
*7.62 mm. Soviet carbine M1944
*7.62 mm. Vintovka rifle M1891
*7.62 mm. Degtyarev light machine gun
7.62 mm. Degtyarev automatic rifle M1941
7.62 mm. Maksim heavy machine gun on Sokolov mount
*7.62 mm. Sniper rifle M1941-44
*14.5 mm. Degtyarev antitank rifle
14.5 mm. Simonov antitank rifle
*12.5 mm. DShK antiaircraft machine gun M1941
37 mm. ZIS antiaircraft artillery gun
75 mm. ZIS antiaircraft artillery gun M1941
88 mm. antiaircraft artillery gun
45 mm. Soviet antitank gun
*50 mm. Rhinometal antitank gun M1941
75 mm. Soviet field gun M1941
75 mm. Rhinometal antitank gun M1941
*82 mm. Rhinometal mortar
82 mm. Degtyarev light mortar
*107 mm. Soviet mortar
120 mm. Soviet heavy master
105 mm. Krupp howitzer
88 mm. Rhinometal howitzer M1941
150 mm. Krupp howitzer
88 mm. Rhinometal howitzer M1941
150 mm. Krupp howitzer M1939
75 mm. ZIS-3 field gun M1941
*75 mm. Krupp Bofors pack gun M1911
75 mm. Krupp Schneider field gun M1911
75 mm. Krupp Schneider antitank gun M1941
150 mm. Krupp field gun
152 mm. Soviet field gun

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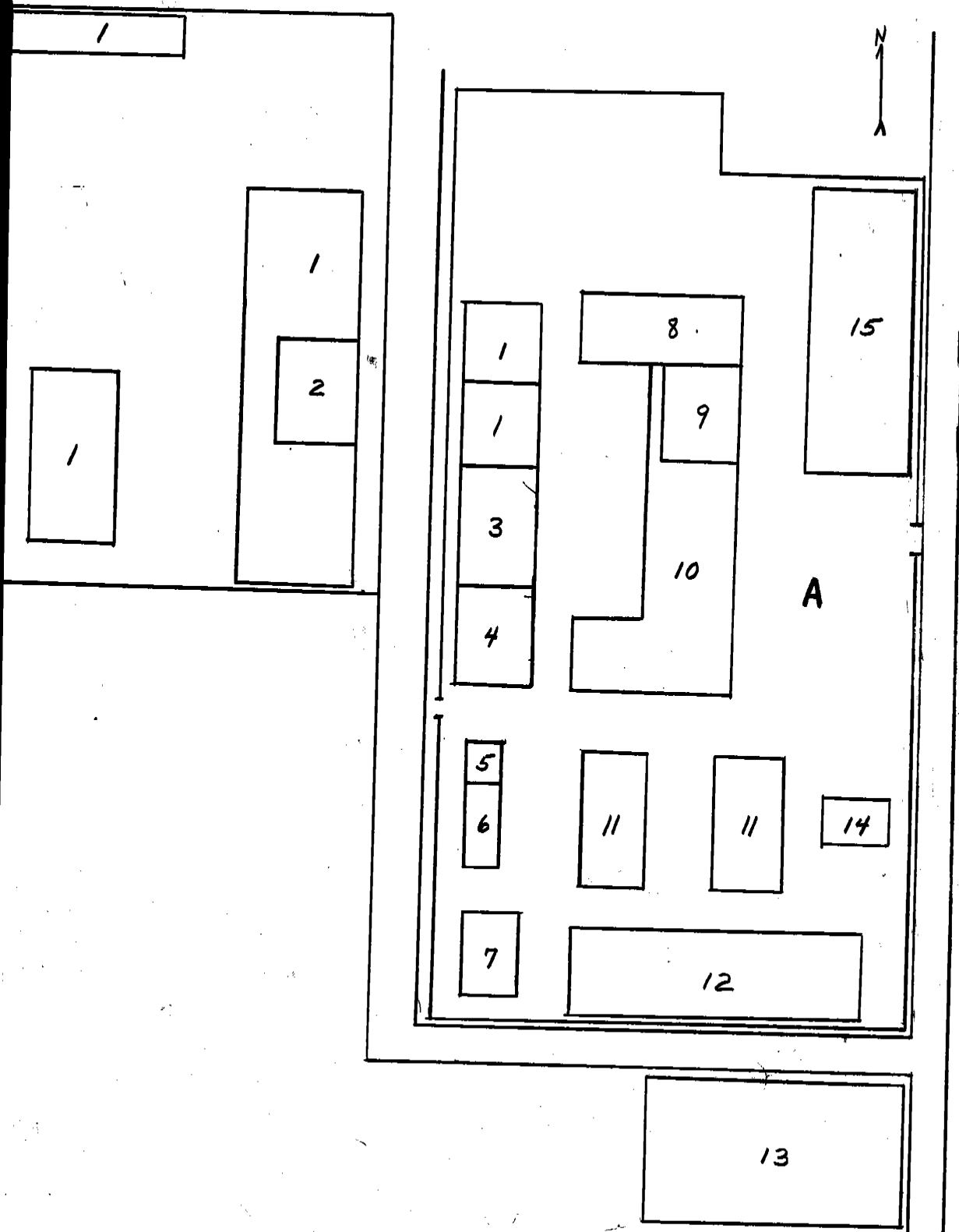
Key to Appendix A

1. Unidentified buildings.
2. Small arms workshop belonging to 3 Army.
3. Baths.
4. Lavatory.
5. Furnace.
6. Heating plant.
7. Ordnance warehouse.
8. Classrooms of Arms Technician School.
9. Barracks of Arms Technicians School.
- 25X1 10. Barracks of 3 Army Heavy Artillery Regiment
11. Warehouses
12. Artillery park.
13. Headquarters of 3 Army
14. Infirmary
15. Mess hall on first floor; barracks on second floor.
- 25X1 A. Barracks area of 3 Army Heavy Artillery Regiment

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